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## Letter dated 10 January 2001 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Frederick Chiluba, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Mr. Laurent Désiré Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, met on Thursday, 4 January 2001 at Ndola, Republic of Zambia.

The two heads of State held fruitful talks on issues of a bilateral nature.

They also proceeded to a broad survey of the situation along the common frontiers arising out of the offensive still being waged by Rwanda in the Congolese province of Katanga, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 1304 (2000) of 16 June 2000 and 1332 (2000) of 14 December 2000, as well as of the various regional agreements which that country has nevertheless freely signed.

My Government condemns the attitude of Rwanda, which, with the aim of carrying out its irredentist designs on the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has tried to involve the sister Republic of Zambia in the war of aggression that Rwanda has been waging for more than three years against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

My Government, which welcomes the neutrality clearly displayed by the Republic of Zambia, emphasizes its firm intention of combating all the manoeuvres of Rwanda and the negative forces aimed at undermining the excellence of the relations that have for many years united the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The heads of State have decided to strengthen their relations of good neighbourliness, guided in this by the basic principles of the United Nations Charter and of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity.

In conclusion, my Government, which reaffirms its confidence in President Frederick Chiluba, invites the Security Council to support his initiatives and efforts with a view to the restoration of a lasting peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ileka** Atoki
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